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ANTAGONIST, A DIURETIC AND AN ANGIOTENSION BLOCKER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto as a separate page following page 7 of this paper.